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TAGS: EIRN, FR, UR

SUBJ: CIVAIR: PRESS ALLEGATIONS RE U.S. POSSESSION TU-144

PARTS

REF: PARIS 21310

1. FULL TEXT AVIATION WEEK AUGUST 6 "WASHINGTON ROUNDUP"
PAGE STORY IS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE AIR FORCE FOREIGN TECHNOL-
OGY DIV. LABORATORY IS ANALYZING PARTS FROM THE SOVIET
TUPOLEV TU-144 SUPERSONIC TRANSPORT THAT CRASHED ON THE
FINAL DAY OF THE RECENT PARIS AIR SHOW. PARTS WERE
SCOOPED UP AND SPIRITED AWAY BY USAF INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS
SHORTLY AFTER THE CRASH AND BEFORE FRENCH SECURITY
PERSONNEL HAD CORDONED OFF THE SITE OF THE ACCIDENT NEAR
PARIS' LE BOURGET AIRPORT. MISSING PARTS COULD POSE A
PROBLEM FOR CIVIL INVESTIGATORS ATTEMPTING TO DETERMINE THE
CAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT. U.S. OFFICIALS ARE PARTICULARLY
INTERESTED IN EXAMINING PARTS RECOVERED FROM THE TU-144'S
38,500-LB.-THRUST KUZNETSOV NK-144 TURBOFAN ENGINES.

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UPRATED VERSION OF THE POWERPLANT IS USED ON THE TUPOLEV

BACKFIRE SUPERSONIC VARIABLE-GEOMETRY STRATEGIC BOMBER.
UNQUOTE.

2. WE ARE ASKING DEFENSE FOR GUIDANCE. ROGERS

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